

State of the ACT Community Sector Survey 2025



Project description

About the survey

The State of the ACT Community Sector Survey 2025 is a survey based on the Australian Community Sector Survey, conducted by Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS).

ACT Council of Social Service Inc. (ACTCOSS) is a not-for-profit peak body for the community sector in the ACT, working collaboratively with organisations and individuals to create a collective voice, advocating for positive social change, including justice and self-determination for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The survey is open to all ACT Community Sector Workers, board members of volunteer-led organisations, CEOs and senior managers. The survey includes questions for community sector workers, CEOs and senior managers that ask about their experience of working in the community sector, opinions on training and funding needs, and general demographic questions. For CEOs and senior managers, there will be additional questions that ask about organisational recruitment, staffing, sustainability and financials.

ACTCOSS, as the peak body for ACT community services, is seeking to conduct this evaluation to help understand community service demand and identify the needs of community services within the ACT. This evaluation will help inform areas of policy and advocacy to support the sectors sustainability.

The results of the survey will be published in a 'State of the Sector' report. All recorded data will be reported in an aggregated way, 'de-identified' to ensure anonymity of individuals and organisations, unless otherwise specified by a participant/organisation (i.e. they wish to share their response). All data will be collected, handled, and stored in accordance with the ACTCOSS privacy policy and National ethical data collection, management and storage guidelines.

This survey has been assessed by the ACT Health Human Research Ethics Committee, Low-Risk Sub-Committee as a quality assurance/improvement (QAI) activity with negligible risk to participants (2025.QAI.00043).

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The survey will close on Friday 07 March 2025.